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Vicki Brooker photo

Homing in on series win

Brad 'Diesel' Canning of the Elk Point Bantam Avalanche homes in on the goal in Wednesday's 7-2 defeat of the Vermilion Tigers, adding to their 10-9 lead in the first game of the two-game, total-point series to move on to the next round of Provincials. Story, Page 6.

Council wraps up report on EcoCentre, but not trail

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Final reporting on grants received by the Town of Elk Point under the Major Community Facilities Program is underway, with CAO Ken Gwozdz giving town council a rundown on the process at last Monday's regular meeting.

The grant used to build the Visitor Information EcoCentre "zeroes out," he said, "there are no issues." An audited financial statement showed that all grant revenue was matched 50/50, in accordance with the grant requirements, and the facility is being well used.

The walking trail grant, however, was not spent during the time allotted and some of the expenses were not included in an audit done for that project. The town is now going to request an extension on the grant deadline to Aug. 17, 2016, in order to apply those additional costs and to complete further work on the project. Grant funding that has not been matched must be repaid to the government, and council agreed that this could be allotted from MSI capital funding.

County contributions praised

Town council agreed to draft a letter thanking the County of St. Paul No. 19 for their generous contribution of funding to three recreational facilities in town.

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Groundhog shadow or not, keep your shovel handy

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With three days short of seven weeks left until spring's official arrival, Elk Point residents are urged to keep their shovels handy, no matter what the groundhog says today.

Elk Point town council emphasized at last week's meeting that it is up to residents and businesses to clear their sidewalks as soon as possible following a snowfall, with their bylaw stating that snow is to be removed within 48 hours.

The town's public works department is also poised for immediate action when snow falls.

Town administration included a list of that department's shoveling

and brooming priorities for council's information. The town office sidewalk and its entrances, the library frontage and entrances, the EcoCentre ramp and doorway, footbridges and their entrance sidewalks on 50, 51 and 52 Avenues and 51 and 52 Streets and sidewalks on 50 Ave where the broom cannot get through are top priorities for the shovelers, while the broom is used on 50 Ave. from 54 St. to Highway 41, on 51 St. from 49 Ave. to 60 Ave., 49 Ave. from 51 St. to 52 St., the fire hall pad and entrances and the walkways in the west end trailer court. In the event of a heavy snowfall, sidewalks will be cleaned off first with the loader or bobcat, and driveways will be cleaned wherever the broom crosses.

In the event of a snowfall of three or more inches, the town crews first plow 50 Ave. from 51 St. to 54 St. to provide access to the healthcare centre, then 50 St. and 51 St. from 50 Ave. to 55 Ave to access the schools. Roadways leading out of town, including 54 St. from 50 Ave. to Hwy. 646, 50 Ave. from 54 St. to town limits, Railway Ave. from 54 St. to Hwy. 41 and 57 Ave. from 51 St. to Hwy. 41 are next on the list, followed by 51 St. from 55 Ave. to 60 Ave. Access to the town's water and wastewater plants is cleared before industrial areas are plowed as needed.

The downtown areas are typically not cleared until the next day, unless there is an unusually heavy snowfall, in which case it would be windrowed into

the centre of the streets for removal the following day. The delay in cleaning gives business owners time to shovel sidewalks onto the street for pickup. Downtown snow clearing starts at 5 a.m.

Residential areas are graded after the downtown area is completed on a needed basis, but are not graded down to pavement, leaving some snow as additional insulation over water lines. Windrows are removed as needed to make room for more snow and to keep streets from narrowing too much. Driveways are kept open and a parking area is left clear in front of homes without front driveways, according to a report from Superintendent of Public Works Jay Duffee.

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Monkeys see, do as entertainer visits



OLD MACDONALD WITH A DIFFERENCE - Two pink pigs, a donkey, a sheep, a frog and a rambunctious puppy keep Mary Lambert company as she visits Old Macdonald's Funky Farm.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Juno Award nominee Mary Lambert came to Elk Point on Friday with two highly entertaining shows for children and their parents, sponsored by the Elk Point and District Early Childhood Coalition.

The Coalition, which bills itself as "champions for children," is involved in a number of projects aimed at enhancing the life of children in the community, and currently has two major projects underway.

An "amazing" mural focusing on early childhood development, painted under the guidance of St. Paul artist Herman Poulin, is "nearly finished" and is scheduled to be unveiled on June 4. Coalition member Calvin Leckie told Friday's audience, and a developmental resource and toy lending library is even closer to completion.

Lambert led children, parents and childcare workers through a series of action songs and activities during the afternoon show, "Monkey see, Monkey Do" and invited them to "come back and bring your parents" for a second and, "entirely different" show at 7 p.m.



PLIÉ PRACTICE - Entertainer Mary Lambert and Calvin Leckie of the Elk Point and District Early Childhood Coalition practice their moves in a number entitled 'The Tooth Fairy Loves Ballet,' with Leckie starring in the title role.

Town council

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The County provided \$30,000 in support to the A. G. Ross Arena, \$20,000 to the C. G. Baker Arena and \$8,000 to the curling rink.

Amendments drafted for RV parking

A draft of amendments to the Highway, Sidewalks, Parking, Traffic, Pedestrians and Public Places Bylaw was presented to council. The bylaw would allow seasonal parking on any street for up to 144 hours (six days) from Friday of the May long weekend to the Tuesday after the September long weekend, provided it is not deemed unsafe to do so by a peace officer. Obstructing or overhanging the sidewalk, boulevard or street with a slide out of the recreational vehicle would not be allowed.

Coun. Lorne Young noted that the amendments "are a good balance for life in the Lakeland."

The public will have the opportunity to give their input on the amendments before the bylaw comes back to council's March 14 meeting.

Policies set

The town's administration is still wading through their task of creating a long list of needed policies, with three of these brought to council last week. Policies regarding overdue accounts receivable, customer credit and debit card payments and video surveillance in public areas were discussed and passed.

The credit and debit card payment policy comes with the newly installed terminal that allows the payment of permit fees, bylaw fines, property taxes, water bills and other charges for goods, services and information by debit or credit card. Fees for application for

road closure, assessment appeals, development appeal hearings, land use bylaw and municipal development plan amendments, crossing and road use agreements cannot be paid by credit card.

It was noted that clearly written and prominently displayed signage should be posted in locations where video surveillance is in place to inform both the public and the staff of its presence. The design and installation of the equipment and the use, disclosure and retention of information gained through use of the cameras was all part of the policy.

National Child Care Plan

With a national child care plan on the federal government's agenda, council agreed to a request from Melanie Poulin of Play2Learn Daycare to forward a letter of support for the proposed plan to federal and provincial ministers. The letter notes that lack of affordable childcare space is a burden on families and a barrier to a healthy, competitive Canadian workforce.

Joint projects

With the town and county planning to embark on two joint projects under the Alberta County Partnership Grant, council passed motions to apply for a grant to construct a bulk water truck fill facility, with the town as the managing partner, and to apply for a grant to construct a salt storage shed facility with the county as the managing partner. Council also approved the development of a regional strategic plan that would encompass these projects and other identified priorities.

Shovel

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Sidewalks along Highway 41 have again been closed for the winter months, as they are used from piling snow plowed off the highway to keep all four lanes open. They are cleared once or twice a winter by the town crews to make room for more snow to be piled there and to speed spring thawing.



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Hauling Leachate

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The proposal is for hauling leachate from Evergreen Regional Landfill SW 16-56-10-W4M to Tervita Lindbergh SW 26-56-5-W4. In the summer you would have to load from a tank which is above ground, and in the winter you would have to pump from a sump 10 meters below ground, in the winter we would prefer a vac-truck. You would have to be ready to haul within 24 hours notice.

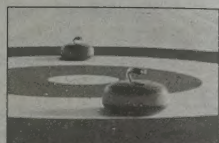
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'Brick, wood, iron and memories' were all part of the building of A. G. Ross Arena

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A hockey grandpa with fond memories of the days when his own sons hit the ice in the earliest days of the A. G. Ross Agricentre has rallied an enthusiastic group of other hockey and figure skating parents and coaches from long ago to help plan an event honouring the people whose efforts back then have made the past 44 years of ice sports possible for our community.

Albert Boratynec, who was part of the first minor hockey board, formed in 1972 as part of the Elk Point Agricultural Society and who now has four grandchildren playing minor hockey here, says the arena was built of "Brick, wood, iron and memories. People who didn't even have kids donated their time and money to get it built. I can't think of another facility (that got that kind of response)."

Two other coaches from the arena's earliest days,

Ray Hellquist and Marvin Bjornstad, were among those Boratynec called to action when he scheduled the first planning meeting on Jan. 20. Both are avid local historians and have sizeable collections of archival material to contribute to the search for information.

Hellquist recalled that the need for an indoor arena was brought to the attention of town council by the mothers of local minor hockey players who had taken their sons to play in other communities that had indoor rinks, and who asked, "If they can have a covered rink, why can't we?"

A recreation board was set up in 1968, which oversaw maintenance of the outdoor rink that served the community before the arena became a reality. That rink was located near where the library is now, and used the tap at the Elks Hall as a water source, Hellquist said. He was a member of that board, which did a survey of the recreation needs of the community and "decided that building an arena was too big a project for the board." An arena board was subsequently formed, and visited arenas in Two Hills, Dewberry and Chauvin to study their construction.

The arena board was able to obtain a \$50,000 grant, which was supplemented by fundraisers that included a walk-a-thon and other events. Still, they were left with a loan that required a \$6,000 payment each year. Their solution to that was to set up a lottery, selling 200 tickets each year at \$60 apiece, and, according to Larry Babcock, "The lottery each year paid the payment."

"The arena was a real community effort," Hellquist said, recalling that local farmer George Anderson donated a beef to be ground into hamburger for the concession booth, while other area residents donated everything from their time, equipment and labour to a load of grain to help cover the cost of building the facility.

Stories about the fundraising and building process, as well as about both minor and men's hockey teams and the development of a skating club emerged as the group laid plans for a celebration of the arena and those who made it possible, that is slated to be held on

Family Day, Feb. 15.

By the group's second meeting, figure skating club representative Kelly Radcliffe had braved the depths of the arena's storage area to dig out a box of scrapbooks and newspaper clippings about that club's earliest days. George Anderson recalled playing in the newly built arena when he brought in his prized Lindbergh Last Knights jersey, Hellquist displayed an original list of those who had purchased the lottery tickets and Marvin Bjornstad showed off his progress on a slide show that will be part of the celebration.

Bjornstad is still looking for more pictures, and would especially like to track down some of the building's construction in progress. Anyone who would be willing to loan a picture to be scanned and returned can call him at 780-614-7915, or bring their photos to the planning group's meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Horizon Room.



"I REMEMBER THIS"
- Myrna Fedorus tells Kelly Radcliffe as they look through skating club memorabilia.



LAST OF THE LAST KNIGHTS - or some of them, Marvin Bjornstad, George Anderson and Gordon Fakeley all remember competing on the A. G. Ross ice in the arena's earliest days.

Thefts from garages, vehicles

ELK POINT RCMP

On Jan. 25 the Elk Point RCMP received several reports of theft from garages and vehicles on 56A Avenue in Elk Point. These offences likely happened between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. Ten properties had items stolen from their garages or had their vehicles gone through and items taken

A number of items were stolen, including power tools, hand tools, mechanical equipment, and small amounts of change. In one instance a passport was stolen from one vehicle and then found down the block laying in a driveway.

A white four door Dodge Ram was

seen leaving the area at the time of the thefts.

The Elk Point RCMP are urging residents to make sure their houses, garages, and vehicles are locked and secure at all times. As well, do not leave important papers, identification or valuables inside your vehicle. The change that is left in drink holders is an enticement to the criminals that are coming around to check your vehicles.

If you have any information regarding these thefts please contact the RCMP Elk Point at 780-724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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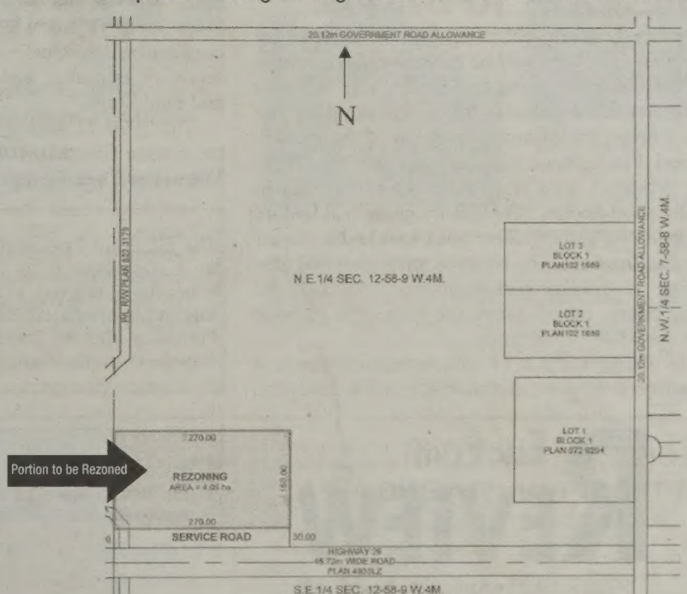
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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 2016-02** which is a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50 as it relates to zoning of the following land:

Part of NE 12-58-9-W4M

Proposed rezoning from Agricultural to Industrial/Commercial



A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 11:15 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office (5015-49th Ave) in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw and Plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301, ext 205.

Krystle Fedoretz, Planning & Development Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
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EDITORIAL

Shadow or not!

Today's the day of much obsessing over whether the celebrity groundhogs have seen their shadow. These 'forecasts' by drowsy rodents are at least as unreliable as any forecast produced way ahead of time, such as the almanacs provide. Plain and simple, it's a guess.

What we can tell you is that the official arrival of spring, or at least the vernal equinox, is on March 19 at 10:30 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time, 46 days from now. Six weeks is March 15 - four days earlier, so 'six weeks more winter' is actually quite optimistic!

RECREATION CORNER

Celebrate your arena family this Family Day

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Coordinator

The Elk Point Recreation Department has an exciting day planned for Family Day, that will celebrate your "arena family". The day celebrates the people who helped build the arena, the bonds you form with your teammates or other rink parents and the family you go home to every night.

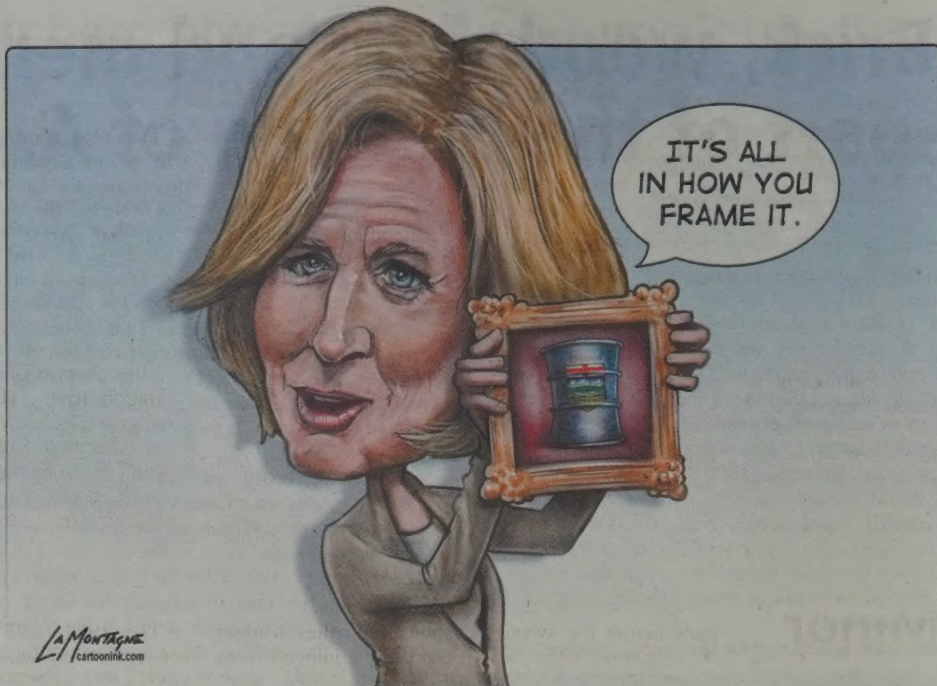
Every year, the Town hosts free public skating at the arena. This year we wanted to expand it to celebrate the people who fundraised, lobbied, and put their whole hearts into building the arena in the early 1970s. I don't know the exact date of the A. G. Ross Arena opening, but I'm excited to find out. We have a team of local history buffs working on putting together a timeline and gathering photos and stories from the rink's conception. I've heard bits of a story of a late-night party that ended with one parent betting another \$5 that they could get the rink built. I'm really looking forward to the end of that story.

There will be a story swap and slide show, which will surely be very popular. Sometimes we forget about all the hard work it took to build our community. The arena is one of the most popular places in town, there are hundreds of people who get pleasure from this rink every week. You can't say that about a lot of places. There's a special bond formed throughout the years of hockey and figure skating. The kids form relationships with each other, while the parents build communities that start with the bond of the rink.

As an assistant coach of the Elk Point Peewee Storm and having played on the team as a kid, it's really cool to see your kid starting her own family with her team mates, in the same way I did when I was young. And very cool to have your kid play on the same team you did. That's what's special about the small town rink.

On Family Day, myself, along with Councillors for the Town of Elk Point will be hosting public skating and the reunion and serving free food. There will also be a charity hockey game to follow the reunion. The Elk Point Emergency Forces, made up of the RCMP, EMS, and Firefighters will take on the Elk Point Hockey All-Stars, kids from different age groups in minor and pond hockey. The charity game will feature fun intermission games, like a puck toss and a chance to drive the Zamboni. The figure skating club will also be putting on special performances throughout the day. Any money raised during the game will go back into the operation of the arena.

Public skating starts at 11 a.m., reunion stories and presentations at 12 p.m., and charity game at 2:00 p.m.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Minor hockey in Elk Point

This special report is the first of two contributed by the Elk Point and District Historical Society in conjunction with the upcoming celebration of the A. G. Ross Arena family.

RAY HELLQUIST

From Elk Point Reflections, written in 1977

The first organized minor hockey club started in the fall of 1967 with a young teen team named the Elk Point Hawks.

The town of Elk Point paid \$120 per month to this hockey club for looking after the outdoor hockey rink. Bill Babenek was the coach for this team. The following season brought about a request from the Recreation Board that the town consider the construction of an indoor arena.

The 1969-70 season found four organized teams: Midgets (16 years and over), Bantams (13 to 15 years), Pee Wees (11 to 12), and Mites (10 and under). Ice conditions were generally good. The snow was cleared and thrown over the boards, where spectators would perch and cheer for their favorite team. Caretakers for this season were Mr. Tony Glyaniuk and Mr. Pete Bayrock. This season ended with the Elk Point Recreation Board stating that its aim for 1970 - 71 would be the beginning of an indoor arena. Costs and buildings were investigated. On May 12, 1970, a walkathon was held front St. Paul to Elk Point in which \$1,300 was earned and handed over to the arena fund. Thus resulted in the inauguration of the Elk Point Arena Board, which consisted of Dr. D. Didow, president; Allan Buck, vice president; Barry Golberg, secretary treasurer; and Ed Pankiw, Ken Palamarek and Paul Stepa.

The 1970-71 season gained a few more boys and there were five teams: Midgets, Bantams, Pee Wees, Mites and Tom Thumbs. The Tom Thumbs (8 years

and younger) were a new addition this year. These were the most enthusiastic boys. At 20 or 30 below they would phone their coach to find out if the practice or game was "still on". It was difficult to determine who enjoyed these games more: the players or the noisy spectators.

The town supplied the facilities: a heated changing building and flooded ice. Skating fees were \$1.00 per person for the season or 25 cents for each day.

The 1971-72 season saw the Recreation Board and the Elk Point and District Lions Club working together to find coaches for the teams. The Lions Club supplied much needed equipment and agreed to sponsor minor hockey that season. Caretakers for the rink were Mr. Dan Josul and Mr. Joe Zarowny. A coaches' clinic was held in St. Paul for local volunteers and some of the older boys attended. Those were Bob Krawchuk, David Bepalko, Allan Slywka, Bill Babenek and Victor Stepa. They were a great asset to the hockey teams and this training helped in the subsequent years.

For two years the Arena Board and eventually the Elk Point and District Agricultural Society spent endless hours at meetings, planning and eventually having constructed, the present A. G. Ross Agri-Centre. The arena was ready for use in the fall of 1972. A minor hockey board was formed which operated under the Elk Point and District Agricultural Society. Some initial members of the minor hockey board were Albert Boratynek, Ron Onusko, Ed Soldan, Bob Krawchuk, Doug Berg, Marvin Bjornstad, Harvey Aarbo, Ray Hellquist and Ralph Mann.

Sponsors were obtained for the teams in 1972. The sponsors provided sweaters and socks, as well as goalie equipment for their team. The Tom Thumbs were sponsored by the Elk Point Hotel and the Elk Point Co-op. Mites (age 9 and 10) were sponsored by Tredger's Drugs and the Chamber of Commerce. Pee Wees (age 11 and 12) were sponsored by the Lions Club, and the Bantams (age 13 and 14) were sponsored by the Elks Lodge. A sum of \$1,390 was donated by the above businesses and organizations to launch the minor hockey teams in the newly constructed arena. This first year 105 boys ranging in age from four to 16 joined minor hockey teams.

Walter Skolarchuk was the arena caretaker that season.

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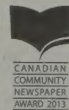
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École du Sommet wrestlers win medals at St. Albert tournament

SELENA EL IRANI

Assistant Wrestling Coach,
École du Sommet

On Jan. 23, five students from École du Sommet participated in a wrestling tournament in St. Albert. For some of the students this was their first tournament of the season. They were all very excited to participate and learn new strategies in this wrestling tournament.

Kayden Zarowny brought home a gold

medal in his weight category, Eros Cueva brought home a silver medal in his weight category. Sebastien Culham took third place in his weight category and Jérémie Paquette and Chantalle El Irani fourth place and their weight categories.

This is École du Sommet second year providing a wrestling club in the school under the guidance of teacher David Fillion. The participating numbers has doubled

from the previous year and the school is promoting this sport activity by supporting the students in attending tournaments and wrestling clinics.

The highlight of the season, according to the students, was attending the Canadian Wrestling Team Trails held in Sherwood Park in the beginning of December 2015. The students had the opportunity to see how the professionals wrestle in this exciting sport.

The next tournament will be in Cochrane in the beginning of March followed by the Alberta Open on April 2 in Edmonton.

ÉCOLE DU SOMMET WRESTLING TEAM -

back row: David Fillion and Selena El Irani; middle row: Rieule St-Pierre, Eros Cueva, Chantalle El Irani; front row: Sebastien Culham, Kayden Zarowny, Jeremie Paquette



Submitted photo

Minor hockey

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By the 1973-74 season the arena was well in the swing of things. The boys had learned that the can went on before

the pants and the elbow pads before the sweater. A common sight was several boys, duffle bags over their shoulders, heading to the arena for a practice or a game. This season a total of 102 players registered for the teams from Tom Thumbs up to Midgets. The High

School Students Union sponsored the Midget team and equipped them with much needed sweaters and goalie equipment. This season all teams joined a league with Vermilion and Mannville. Mr. Paul Musiyowski was the arena caretaker and also undertook to sharpen

skates.

The 1974 - 75 season started off with 102 boys, and two new sponsors were added: the Gulf Bulk station (John Wozniak) and Paul Stepa's Insurance. A referees' clinic was conducted in the arena by Mr. Don Cyr of Bonnyville, which helped the quality of hockey and sportsmanship for our minor system. Each age level was divided into two teams with 10 to 12 players each. Mr. Paul Musiyowski again took on the job of arena caretaker, and Mr. Ronald Flanders assisted him.

The 1975-76 season again was a year of fun and hockey for all 100 boys who joined the minor system. Teams travelled to neighboring towns such as Glendon, Vermilion, Vilna, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Medley, Dewberry, St. Paul, Andrew, Two Hills and Grande Centre. The Bantams were successful in their bid for Provincial Play-off where they represented their zone. They travelled to

Canmore, where they came in second in the Bantam "D" play-downs. Mr. Ronald Flanders and Terry Gusnowski were the caretakers. The season ended with thoughts and plans for artificial ice to be installed in the near future.

It has become the custom that each team level hold a one-day tournament hosting several nearby towns. These have become very popular and will no doubt continue for many years to come. It has also become part of the minor hockey philosophy to stress participation, fun, sportsmanship and winning, hopefully in that order. All teams are supported by the parents and the community as a whole. As applied here, the minor hockey system has developed a fun yet competitive style of hockey for the boys in the community.



"TOM THUMBS" HOCKEY TEAM, 1971-72.- Back row, left to right: Norman Pankiw Donny Aarbo, Craig Hellquist, Garry Grykuliak, Gordon Gregoraschuk, Kenny Stewart, John Soldan, Ronnie Lesyk; front row, left to right: Gordon Grykuliak, Trevor Roszell, Donnie Kalynchuk, Murray Boratynec, Brent Mudryk, Mark Hellquist, Tom Richards, Greg Roszell.

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A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office (5015-49th Ave) in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 645-3301, ext 205.

Krystle Fedoretz, Planning & Development Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
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OBITUARY

**CARSON,
Margaret**

**Elizabeth
1930 - 2016**



It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret Carson of Elk Point on January 18, 2016 at the age of 85 years. Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Jack; son, Sye; and her sisters, Kathleen and Mary. She is survived by her nephew, Dick (Heather) McAleese; niece, Lloyanne Hurd; nephew, Bill Carson; brother-in-law, John Bennett. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family wishes to thank Dr. Ramful and the excellent staff at Parkview Long Term Care. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to The St. Paul Animal Shelter. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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OBITUARY

**SHARKEY,
Vernon "Babe"**



On January 25, 2016, Mr. Vernon "Babe" Sharkey of Heinsburg passed away at the age of 85 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Colleen; daughter, Lora (Gary) Meiklejohn; son, Rocky (Joanne) Sharkey; 6 grandchildren, Tarelle (Phil) Stubbs, Travis (Danielle) Meiklejohn, Tiana (Lee) Zwarich, Jamie (Tatjana) Sharkey, Aaron Sharkey & Dustin (Jenna) Sharkey; 11 great-grandchildren, Rylan, Nolin & Dalan Stubbs, Alexi Meiklejohn, Taya, Hayes & Wyatt Zwarich, Noah & Nate Sharkey, Montana & Scarlet Sharkey; 2 sisters-in-law, Olga Sharkey & Barbara Boyle; 3 brothers-in-law, Laverne (Doris) Wilson, Ken (Carol) Hunt & Ken Shephard; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Exie & Thelma Sharkey; brother, Lawrence; & sister, Lila Wilson. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Heinsburg Community Hall, Heinsburg. Pastor Kelly Sibley officiated, with interment in Frog Lake Community Cemetery, Heinsburg. If desired, donations may be made to Frog Lake Community Cemetery Fund c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com

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Future looks great for four Avalanche teams

Today is Groundhog Day, and here's my prediction.... I don't think it really matters if the groundhog sees his shadow or not. I'd better face the fact my Leafs team is going to have at least six more weeks of bad hockey... regardless! Oiler fans, on the other hand, have the return of Connor McDavid to look forward to and that should really pick up their spirits. As for making the playoffs, that's anyone's guess right now.... but I will say this, most teams that make it into the playoffs and go a few rounds have good consistent goaltending. You know the answer to that one yourself; I don't have to tell you!

As for our local minor hockey teams, the future is looking great. Four out of five of our teams are still competing for the quest to go to the provincial finals. The only team eliminated thus far this year is our Atom No. 1 team and they didn't go down without a fight, playing a terrific series against Marwayne, who we all know are really tough customers when it comes to playing in any provincial games.

Two weeks ago in game one of the Bantam provincial series against Vermilion, the Avalanche got caught off guard and came home with only a one goal lead; but they learned their lesson and didn't take them nearly as lightly or show any mercy when they returned to Elk Point this past Wednesday for the second game. Consistent goaltending has not been a problem for our bantam team this year, and the Avalanche goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion had a fan-



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tastic game, he turned away shots from every angle, a few that were deflected in front and also had a couple of wide open breakaways to deal with. Standing tall and challenging the shooters, he gave his teammates the momentum they needed. Nick 'Sparky' Anderson really turned up the heat on the Tigers, he was on the ice and in on every goal in this one, scoring a hat trick and adding four assists. Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage dropping back to the point, hammered home two goals with his wicked slap shot, that made the Tiger defenseman shiver in their skates and most of his own team mates didn't want to get in the way of his cannon either. Chase Dorey scoring a beauty top shelf. A really smooth game for winger 'Silent Sam' Henderson, he slipped one past the tender. Angus McFarlane, Dylan 'the Destroyer' Ference and 'Hank the Tank' Rogal each with an assist. The bantams will now face Wabasca in the next round.

On Saturday night in a rough and chippy contest against their archrivals from St Paul, the bantams won 5 to 4, thus tying the series at two games each for the season. This is their biggest competition in league play and it appears to be their least liked team. Brad 'Diesel' Canning, with two goals, 'Hank the Tank,' Hot Wheels' and 'Sparky' scoring one each for the Avalanche, the 'Destroyer' with an assist. Enforcer 'Raging Paige' Henderson mixing it up and taking a couple of trips to the sin bin.

Saturday morning the Micro

Novice Avalanche were on the ice at 9:30 against the next generation of wagon drivers and hockey players, the Dewberry Colts, who have four players in the line up with the last name Bensmiller. I must say our little guys are really improving since the last time I watched them in the beginning of January. Jaxon Smith, Thomas Melnyk, Denys Kuba, Trace Morgan, 'Remington Steel' Reynolds, Boe Jackson, Jaxon Marcoux and David Cardinal have all really improved in their skating and puck handling skills. On the score sheet, Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk lighting the lamp with three goals and three assists and some awesome back checking. Everyone got a turn in net, Brenden Kadutski with two goals and some terrific goaltending, 'Wyatt Earp' Fontaine and Riley 'Coyote' Bourne are pretty good between the pipes and both scored two goals, too!

Our Novice Avalanche are coming along quite nicely as well since the beginning of the year thanks to head coach Conrad Pierce and his assistant Tim Smereka. They played really well here on Saturday morning against the Lac La Biche Clippers. The Oilers of the '80s played a run and gun offense, 'Top Gunner' Crawford likes to play the same type of game, he scored two goals on Saturday that way. Anna 'the Banana' Henderson was pretty slippery when she slid one past the sprawling Clippers goaltender, assisted by 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk and 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce. Kaysen DeMoissac was a little upset when he came to the penalty box, but he played an aggressive game of fore checking and was certainly

noticed by myself and many others, he got an assist for his effort. Defenseman 'Bo Diddle' Fontaine getting the green light almost scored on a end-to-end rush, he missed the net but did get in on the assists. Stay at home defenseman Evett Smereka is a very good at blocking shots, in fact he looks to me that he would like to be the goalie he plays so tight to the net. Playing in his goaltending debut Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson faced over 40 shots and I'm sure he was worn right out when it ended packing around the big heavy pads and other padding.

It was a full day of hockey at the A. G. Ross Arena on Saturday, the Atom No. 2 team were up next on the schedule when they faced off against one of their toughest challenges of the year, playing against Pierceland winning this one 5 to 2. 'Mic Jager' Fontaine with a hat trick, Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron and Nathaniel Cousins with one each. Set up man Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand with three assists, Cash 'CC' Capjack also with an assist. Tonight the Atom No. 2 will play St. Paul in the second game of their second series of provincial round robins. Come on out and cheer on our young stars, game time is 7 p.m.

The Pee wee Avalanche did not have one of their better games on Saturday against Vermilion. Maybe the excitement of going to see Mark the 'Marksman' Letestu was on their mind more than the task at hand, either way they didn't seem to play with the intensity that they usually do and were down by two goals in the second period, but they did rally back in the third and won 7 to 5.

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It was however a fairly good game for the defensive core of Evan 'Batman' Ockerman, Jace the 'Stafford Streak' and Jadey 'the Lady' Capjack who never seem to receive enough glory. And everyone did have a great time later that night watching the Bonnyville Pontiacs raise the 'Marksmen's' number 11 sweater to the rafters.

These guys did come to the rink with their game faces on. It was a very good weekend for the Atom No. 1 team who played after the peewee game on Saturday winning 5 to 1 over Irma. A really good game for Phoenix Quinney who scored two goals, Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa, Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman and 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras also scoring. Gavin 'Giver' Kadutsky, Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, Wyatt Pavoll and 'Bazooka Joe' Cardinal all assisting. Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk facing 31 shots in this one. On Sunday the Atom No. 1 team traveled to Paradise Valley, winning 7 to 0. A hat trick for 'King Kong Konnor', the 'Rocket' with two, 'Spiderman' and Phoenix Quinney with one each. 'Giver' was really giving it his best at both ends of the rink, he had two assists.

It was a real nail biters' night-mare leaving nothing much but stubs to chew on for the next game! Friday night in their first provincial game in Smoky Lake, the Midget Avalanche were down 4 to 1 in the third period; the only

goal scored by the Avalanche in the first period by 'Captain Crunch' Carson Ference. Things were starting to look very grim; another goal might put the final nail in the coffin. Coming back down three goals is hard enough, down four is quite another. With less than 10 minutes left in the third; 'Captain Crunch' rallied his troops and led by example, he assisted on a goal by 'Awesome Alex' Hunter; then one minute later the sniper 'Awesome Alex' scored one all alone to make it 4 to 3, then with the momentum in their favor two minutes after that 'Dead Eye Dylan' Odgaard buried one, the final score a 4-all tie. Being down three or four goals would have been devastating, coming home all tied up is simply awesome! Be sure to come out this Thursday night for the second game, winner take all, game time is 7:45. Let's make some noise and cheer on the boys!

Trying not to have anyone injured or suspended, the midget boys did play kind of tentative on Saturday in Saddle Lake, losing this one 4 to 3. Christian 'Wheels' Castle Wasson, Bowen Krider and 'Dead Eye Dylan' scoring.

Happy birthday going out today to the proud hockey dad Shane Smith, his son Jaxon came within inches of scoring while he worked the time clock on Saturday morning. And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Strive for continuous improvement, instead of perfection." Last week's answer to: "Coaching is easy. Winning is the hard part." -Elgin Baylor

Elks wrap up regular season**VICKI BROOKER**
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks wrapped up regular season play in the SaskAlta Hockey League this weekend, with their final 'home' game, against Vermilion Rock, played in St. Paul's Clancy Arena, where several of the Elks spent their minor hockey years.

One of those players is goalie Paul Boulianne, whose fast moves played a big part in Friday's 5-3 win, ended the season in fifth place in the SaskAlta goalie standings.

Vermilion's first goal came only 18 seconds into the action-packed game, but was no indicator of what the evening's outcome would be. Two Elks goals, a minute and 11 seconds apart, came just after midway through the first period, Lee Letestu assisted by Jason Kalynchuk in the first of the pair and Scott Ward assisted by Grayson Brown in the second. The Elks increased their lead to 3 - 1 in the last minute of the period, with Brown slamming home a pass from Ward.

Vermilion scored the lone goal of the second period on a power play, with the Elks' Harrison Maas in the sin bin for cross-checking.

The Elks would add two more goals to their lead in the first half of the final frame. Myles Whitford hit the twine off assists by Derek West and Maas, with Ward following his lead a few minutes later with the final Elks goal of

the game, assisted by Kalynchuk. The Rock also added a goal to their side of the score sheet in the third period, with just under two minutes on the clock, to make the final score 5 - 3 in the Elks' favor.

Wainwright 5 - Elks 1

The league-leading Wainwright Rustlers had no intention of letting the Elks win two in a row when they headed south with a shorter bench than usual to wind up the season on Saturday night, although Mark Brodbin's power play goal, assisted by Jordyn Wozniak and Matthew Boulianne, came right on the heels of the first Rustlers' marker.

Wainwright lost no time in retaking the lead, and added three more in the second period, with that 5 - 1 lead remaining intact for the balance of the game, adding another two points to the Rustlers' statistics.

The Rustlers ended the season with 20 wins, one loss and one overtime loss adding up to 41 points to their credit, followed by Marwayne Comets and Hillmond Hitmen with 38 points apiece and Lashburn Flyers and Dewberry Mustangs with 32 points apiece. The Elks had 12 wins, nine losses and one shootout loss for a total of 25 points for the regular season. Kitscoty Monarchs wound up the season with 16 points, Neilburg Monarchs with 15, Vermilion Rock with 14, Maidstone Jets with 13, Paradise Hill Hawks with nine and Paradise Valley with zero.

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Review Staff

The rise of fentanyl in Alberta, and in the local area over the course of the past winter, is a serious cause for concern for the executive director for the Alberta Paramedic Association.

"Overdose is one of our most frequent calls; it's increasing this winter," said Mark Moebis, who is also the supervisor for Prairie EMS's Elk Point division. Crystal meth and cocaine usage continues to be an issue in the communities his division serves, including Elk Point, Dewberry, Kehewin, Fishing Lake, Frog Lake and the rural areas in between, but usage of those drugs hasn't changed, he said.

"What we've noticed

is the addition of fentanyl being used with those drugs."

What frightens Moebis is how much more dangerous fentanyl is than drugs like cocaine, as even an amount as small as two small grains of sand is enough to lead to an overdose.

Fentanyl, a fast-acting narcotic analgesic and sedative that is up to 100 times more potent than morphine and roughly 50 to 100 times more toxic. In 2014, 120 deaths in the province were associated with fentanyl, almost doubling in 2015 with 213 overdose deaths from January to the end of September, prompting health authorities to call it a public health crisis.

Overdoses can lead to a range of symptoms, whether it's a slow heart-

beat, severe sleepiness or cold and clammy skin, but the most severe symptom is the inability to breathe, said Moebis.

Unlike fentanyl prescribed or used in a hospital setting for potent pain relief, fentanyl produced in the street is "produced more recklessly," with each pill having varying levels of concentration of the drug. In fact, the concentration of the drug may not even be uniform through a pill bought on the street, said Moebis, explaining that if a person cuts one sliver of the pill to ingest, they may end up consuming all the fentanyl in the pill. This means even first-time users trying the drug or another drug cut with fentanyl can overdose.

In response to the growing crisis and lobby-

ing efforts by the Alberta Paramedic Association, Alberta's health minister has moved to having EMTs, as well as paramedics, now being able to administer naloxone, also known as Narcan, which is a drug that can reverse a fentanyl overdose. Last June, the government also provided \$300,000 for take-home naloxone kits, which people can apply to get if they are at high risk of opioid overdose.

While he said the division hasn't seen any confirmed deaths from fentanyl, Moebis said emergency medical responders have used Narcan to get people breathing, which has helped prevent deaths from fentanyl use.

Like Moebis, Louis Cardinal, who works with National Native Alcohol

and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) in Saddle Lake, says that he had not seen local use of fentanyl until recently.

"We've never seen it before. This past year, 2015, we've had a few clients who say they're experimenting with it," he said, adding users seem to be in their 20s and 30s. Last year saw several deaths of young and middle-aged people from the reserve, and Cardinal believes that deaths from suicides and accidents, in some cases, can be linked to general alcohol and drug usage.

"The things these gangs are interested in is making a profit, selling their poison to our people. As long as they're making money, they don't care who they hurt," he said.

NNADAP works with users to try and get them into medical detox, with Cardinal estimating the program helped 300 plus clients last year. However, he pointed out that was a drop in the bucket.

"We're a community of about 6,000. If we're only helping 300 people a year, there's a lot of people that aren't getting the help they need," he said.

Cardinal and Moebis both say they suspect times of economic hardship go hand-in-hand with drug and alcohol use as well.

"I suspect the increased amount of drug activity we are responding to, I suspect (is a) result of lack of work," said Moebis.

He wants people to be aware of the prevalence of fentanyl and its harmfulness, the fact, for young people, that experimenting with fentanyl or drugs cut with fentanyl even one time could lead to an overdose.

"I like to think this is a crisis that's going to start and end, but I fear fentanyl is going to be the next cocaine or methamphetamine - we see it come in and spike but the usage is always there."

Ski tour set to go Saturday

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The Lakeland Cross-Country Ski Club is holding a Iron Horse Trail Ski Tour event on Saturday, February 6th.

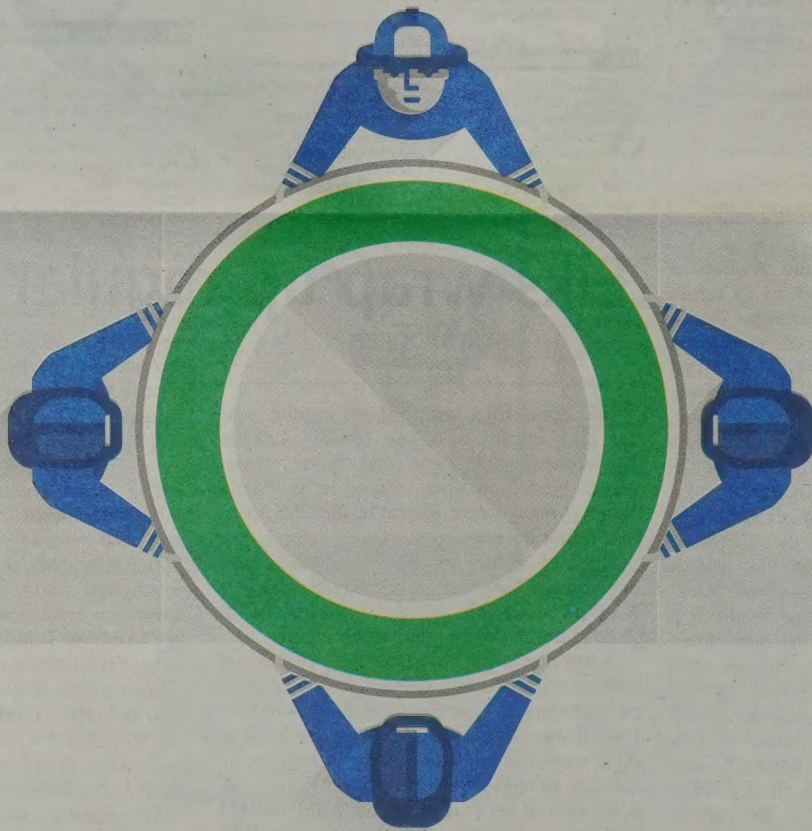
The Iron Horse Trail will be groomed from St. Paul to St. Edouard creating a mostly downhill 13 km track for Cross-Country Skiing enthusiasts. If any skiers would like to push themselves further, they can head 7 km further down the trail.

There will be a shuttle bringing people back from St. Edouard at the end of the tour. Any participants who would like to leave their vehicles in St. Edouard must be there by 10 am.

Also, volunteers will have a fire and water/hot chocolate at the end of the run in St. Edouard.

Registration for this event starts at 10 am in the gazebo at the St. Paul Iron Horse Trail staging area.

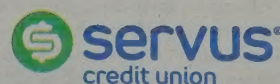
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